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JOINT U.S.- CANADA MANOEUVRES

Safeguarding Polar Frontiers

Washington, June 29. An authoritative War Department source today said the United States and Canada would soon announce plans for joint Arctic manoeuvres next winter in continuance of preparations against possible trans-Polar attack.

The source said an announcement would be made by the Joint Board of Defence of the United States and Canada, which had been building up close military liaison since the war's end.

The two nations have already engaged in extensive military and diplomatic co-operation and President Truman pledged ever closer co-operation in a recent Ottawa speech. Since the joint defence plan was established, the United States sold Canada vast quantities of combat material at far below the original cost. These included Superfortresses, tanks, artillery, and transportation, communications and hospital equipment.

DEFENCE PLANS

Joint United States-Canada defence plans also include:

1. Exchange of experts to study the defence features of each country.

2. Study of common designs and standards for arms, equipment, organisation, training and other necessary developments.

3. Mutual and reciprocal availability of military, naval and air facilities in each country.

4. A chain of air bases, land communications and a highway linking the United States to Alaska.

The two nations agreed that the major and early objective of any enemy would be an air attack against vital industrial areas on the Atlantic Coast and in the vicinity of the Great Lakes.

In addition to providing Canada with planes, tanks and other equipment, the United States Army took part in the Canadian Army's manoeuvres below the Arctic Circle in April last year and Canadian observers attended United States Army manoeuvres in Alaska.—United Press.

Natives Whipped Allegation

Johannesburg, June 30. Field Marshall Jan Christian Smuts, South African Premier, has ordered a strict inquiry into allegations that native labourers, mostly from Rhodesia and Nyasaland, are being brutally whipped and kept in barbed wire cages by farmers in the Bethal district near Johannesburg.

The Premier has promised to take whatever action is necessary. Nevertheless grave repercussions are expected at the September meeting of the United Nations when the Indian case will again be considered.

The natives involved are mainly British subjects from territories outside South Africa.

There have been numerous recent court cases in the Bethal area in which farmers have been heavily fined for flogging their labourers and the South African Department of Native Affairs stated that about 30 farms were involved.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

War Memorial Fund

THAT the Chairman of the Hongkong War Memorial Committee considers it necessary to issue a special public appeal for accelerated donations is a provoking commentary on the Colony's willingness to subscribe to living a token to the courage, gallantry, selflessness, devotion and loyalty shown during those bitter days between 1941 and 1945. We fully support the appeal, although it is felt the committee may be permitting themselves too much despondency so far as response to date is concerned. It is true the tempo of donations from the general public is somewhat slow, but it must be remembered that there have been distracting calls on the pocket during the past month. The leading business houses are beginning to come forward with substantial contributions and the general public, in due course, will also give their subscriptions, but some are torn between doubt. They wonder whether this memorial is to have any more meaning than the countless inanimate stone monuments scattered all over the world—reminders of past wars, and whether the appeal can be classed as charity. An emphatic answer in the negative can be given, but the assurance should come from the War Memorial Committee which has been inclined to take too much for granted over this appeal. It is necessary to remind the public why, and to what they are subscribing. The generosity is there, but it has to be stimulated because, even when it comes to war memorial funds, time has a habit of clouding memories and changing perspective. The War Memorial Committee might obtain a more ready general response to its appeal if it announced a target total. Special occasions and anniversaries could also be used for stimulating donations. The aims of the appeal must be constantly revisited, accompanied by up-to-date facts and figures. This is a fund that embraces all who are in a position to give its appeal, therefore, must be made as persuasive as it is challenging.

DEADLOCK FACING MARSHALL PLAN TALKS

Soviets Demand Guarantees

Paris, June 29.

The Big Three Marshall Plan Conference faced near-deadlock tonight as a result of Russia's refusal to endorse the European recovery plan without previous American guarantees that no political strings would be attached to dollar aid.

The three Foreign Ministers were scheduled to meet a third time at 4 p.m. tomorrow, with Britain's Ernest Bevin and France's Georges Bidault demanding quick completion of the programme to be presented to Washington by September 1.

Russia's Vyacheslav Molotov has adamantly refused to join any overall economic plan for Europe unless the United States guarantees that dollars actually will be forthcoming and that Soviet hands will not be tied, politically or economically, in Europe.

A further major source of discord was that Britain and France demanded the creation of special international commissions to coordinate relief recommendations and programmes, while Mr Molotov demanded that the whole problem be tossed to the United Nations or one of its subsidiary agencies.

Most of the first meeting on Friday was taken up with statements by Mr Bidault and Mr Bevin urging rapid Big Three agreement and proposing the establishment of an overall international co-ordinating commission aided by four or five technical committees on coal, iron and steel, transport, food and finance to handle the European relief programme.

The Radziwill Moscow attack today on an alleged French Pan-European economic programme spottight again obvious Russian fears that the Western powers were seeking to manoeuvre the Soviets into relaxing their economic hold on Eastern Europe.

French officials denied knowledge of any such plan and assumed that Radziwill must be referring to suggestions endorsed by both Mr Bevin and Mr Bidault for lining up European relief on a continent-wide basis.

Mr Bidault proposed that all European nations, including neutrals and former enemies but specifically excluding Spain, should be eligible for Marshall Plan aid. He and Mr Bevin both asked for Big Three agreement by the middle or end of next week.

After twice requesting postponement to enable him to telephone Moscow, Mr Molotov yesterday replied calling for a joint Big Three note to Washington, asking additional information on the Marshall Plan and demanding that the entire technical procedure of drawing up relief programmes be placed in United Nations hands.

Diplomats here believed that Mr Molotov was fighting against committing the Soviet to co-operation in any overall European economic programmes which might weaken its hold over Eastern Europe until he had watertight assurances: firstly, that the United States Treasury and Congress actually would give Russia and her satellites a substantial bite of any relief appropriation; secondly, to the precise size of loans available to Russia and Russian-dominated Eastern Europe; thirdly that no strings would be attached limiting Russia's present exclusive political and economic control over all countries behind the so-called Iron curtain.

The Conference thus far has functioned under a total news blackout, There were no Conference meetings today and Mr Bevin and Mr Molotov both spent Sunday morning in their respective embassies. All three delegations were entertained by President Vincent Auriol at a State luncheon at Elysee Palace, at which guests also included Premier Paul Ramadier, Mr Bidault, Assembly President Edouard Herriot and other high French Government and diplomatic officials.

The United States Ambassador to France, Mr Jefferson Caffery, who throughout the official news blackout has been kept closely informed of conference proceedings, was also a guest.—United Press.

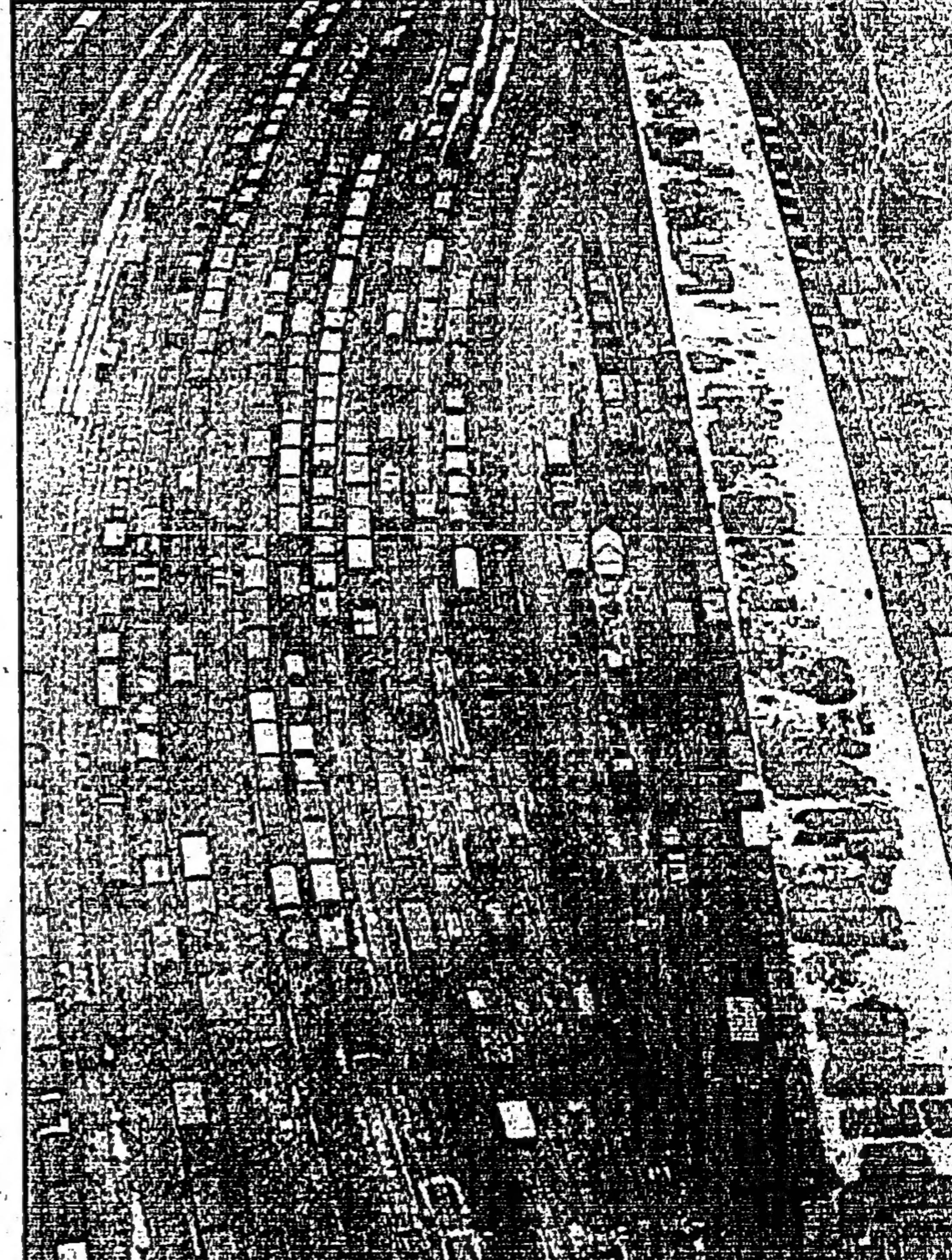
WILLING TO ASSIST

London, June 29. Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican Party foreign affairs adviser, said in a letter, published in the newspaper *The Observer* today, that the American people could be counted on to help finance Europe's recovery only if European statesmen did not repeat past mistakes.

"It was said last January that Europe is the world's worst fire hazard. After each past configuration, the structure has been rebuilt substantially as before."

"Statesmanship can do better than go on repeating that folly. If, in fact, European statesmanship now rises to a new level, primarily economic but involving peaceful fellowship as a by-product, the American people can be counted on to help. I doubt if they will go on for long subduing a reputation of past follies."—United Press.

Just like Hamm: The idle trains of France



Commons Questions On London Vice

London, June 29.

"The Man with the Gold Toothpick" was on his way to gaol today with the doubtful satisfaction of knowing his name would be mentioned on the floor of the House of Commons—a distinction very few British criminals have ever received.

But Eugene Messina, who is said to be admirer of Lucky Luciano, was like few British criminals before him. For one thing, he reputedly made law-breaking pay almost on the best American scale in this country, where small risks for small dividends is the general underworld rule.

He built up an international slave organisation that was so efficient the police admitted that not one of the hundreds of girls who worked for him at one time or another would help in their inquiries.

As a result, Messina was not sen-

ced to the head of the powerful

Messina brothers gang, reputed to

have grossed over £500,000 since the

war out of prostitution alone, but in

connection with the stabbing of

Carmelo Sisalo, now serving a term

as a member of the rival "Romeo Gang."

THREE-YEAR SENTENCE

The Messina and Romeo gangs

were said to have disputed certain

lucrative areas for prostitution in

the fashionable Bond Street district,

where sidewalk space is sometimes

reduced to independent prostitutes

providing they are pretty enough

and well enough to maintain the

high prices with which hundreds of

American officers and soldiers are

familiar.

Vassallo and some of his henchmen

chased the Messina brothers home

and there was an argument during

which Vassallo claimed his hands

were cut trying to grab a razor

wielded by Eugene. Eugene, who

claimed to be a diamond merchant

got three years for unlawful wounding, despite one of the highest-priced

legal batteries obtainable. He offered £3,000 to anyone who could help him flee the country. He is a Maltese, born in Egypt.

As a result of the trial, John Foster Dulles, Conservative MP, has tabled four questions to the Home Secretary, Mr Chuter Ede, asking for the appointment of a commission to inquire into organised vice in London and why the Messinas were able to evade national wartime service.

The Messinas are reported to have obtained leases on hundreds of West End luxury flats despite the critical housing shortage, in addition to holding extensive outside interests ranging from restaurants to real

Reinimient of the marshall yards at Hamm, the name that used so frequently to occur in RAF war communiques, is this aerial picture of the railway sidings at Boulogne. Here, scores of passenger and goods trains were made idle by the French rail strike, and this scene was repeated at the time all over France.

FOURTH SOLDIER DIES

Jerusalem, June 30.

The death toll from Saturday night's attacks on British soldiers rose to four Sunday, with the death in a Tel-Aviv hospital of a Royal Engineers sapper.

The victim was felled with three companions when they were hit by machinegun bullets in a crowded Tel-Aviv street. Two of the men died and a fourth is in critical condition.

In a simultaneous attack in Haifa, assailants killed one Lieutenant and wounded a second.—Associated Press.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

Calcutta, June 29.

Four people were killed and eight were injured in 12 separate outbreaks of communal rioting in Bengal today, the Bengal Government said tonight.

This brings the total for two days' disturbances to eight killed and 34 injured.—Reuters.

Record HK Air Mail Deliveries

Because there is a general impression that air lines and post offices do not bother greatly about getting mail between points, it is interesting to be able to report that last week a new record was established between Sydney and Hongkong.

When mail dated June 24 was received by the General Post Office here on June 26.

The week previous, air mail for Sydney was despatched by the Hongkong GPO on June 12 and arrived in Sydney on June 15.

On June 11 a test letter was despatched by air by the Postal Department to San Francisco and it arrived there at 3:30 p.m. on June 13! In this case the international date line helped to cut down the time, taking off a day. There would be an additional 24 hours on the return journey.

In announcing these facts, the Postmaster-General warns that there can be no guarantee that these record flights will become a regular performance. Weather and other circumstances which cannot be avoided are the main reasons why there are occasional delays in transmitting air mail between terminals.

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The decision was made at an extraordinary joint session of the Conference of Chitral and Gilgit and elected members of the Quetta municipality, with non-Moslem members absent.

The joint session was attended by 54 members.—Reuters.

New India Govt. In Ten Days

Now Delhi, June 29.

India's present Interim Government will resign within the next ten days and a new government formed with more or less the same members, according to reliable quarters in New Delhi tonight.

The Moslem members of the reconstituted cabinet will be responsible for Central Administration exclusively of the seceding areas, and the Congress members for the rest of India, it was learned.

The various expert committees appointed to plan the partition of India into the future states of Pakistan and Hindustan are expected to submit their reports before the third week in July.

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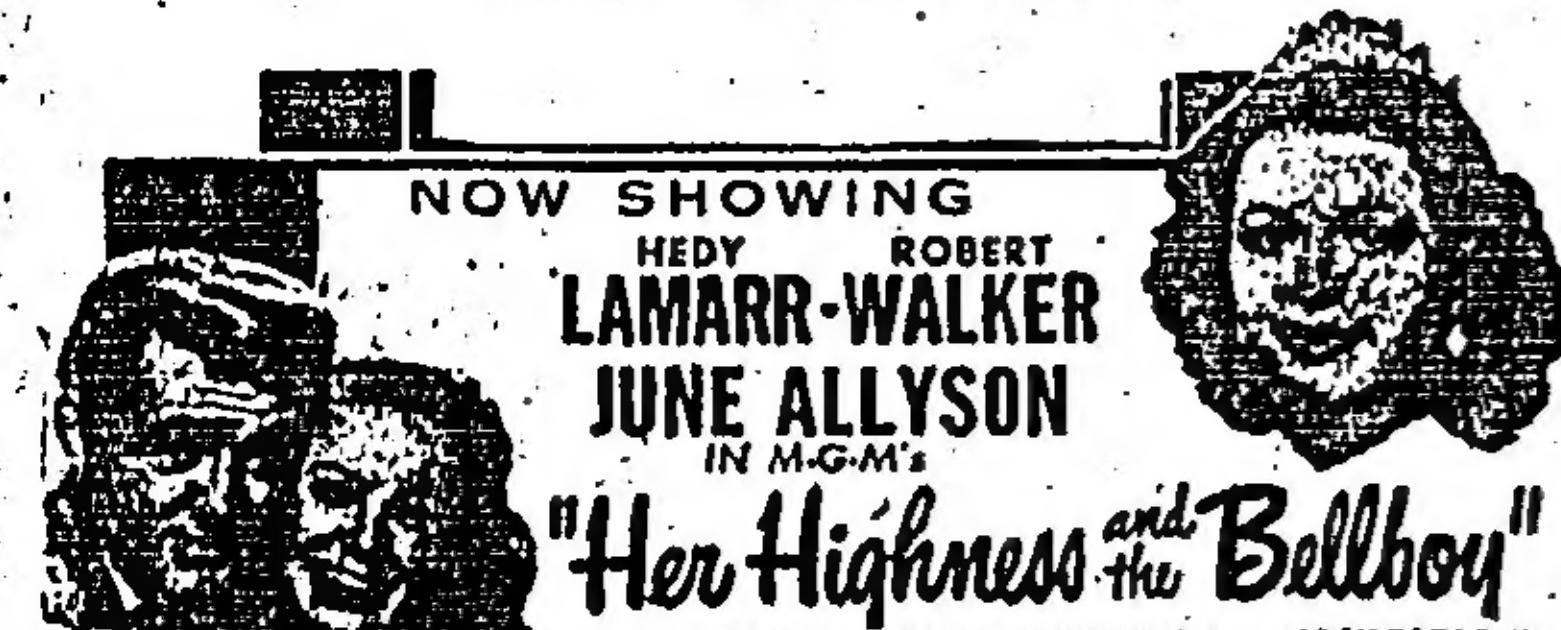
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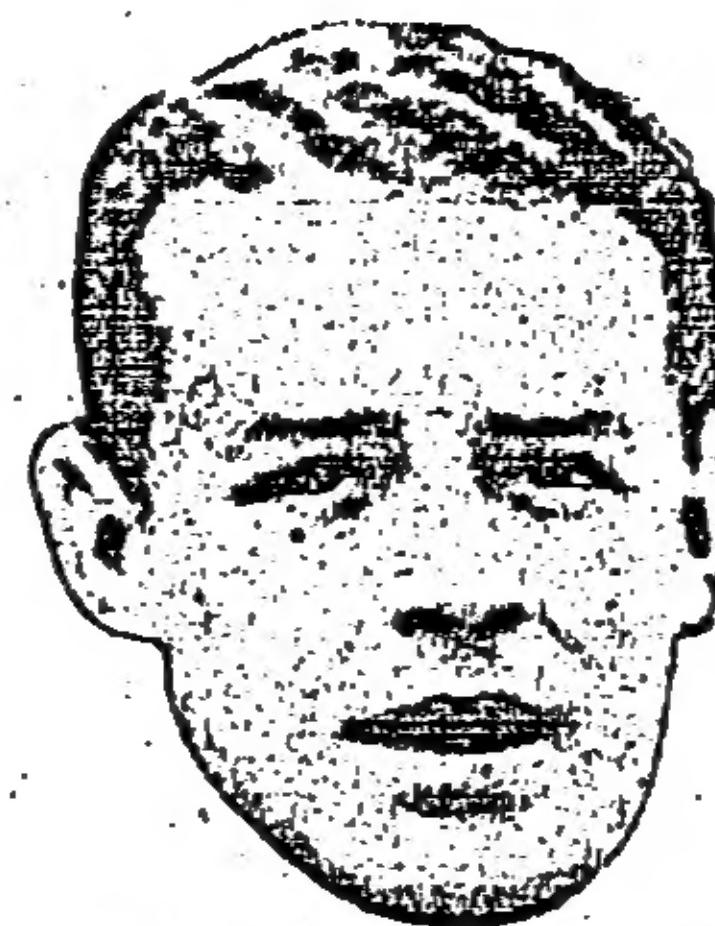
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

With good will, good courage and good sense the India Plan is agreed . . . Born at the conference table, it must now be put to the test in the market place . . .

ONE LITTLE THING

• • AND

BY SYDNEY SMITH



"They're frightened, not angry," a policeman told me.

short. Another small chip was registered in the cracked and creaking administration of India.

A communal riot in India has no resemblance either in origin or progress, to any sort of riot in Europe. Nine times out of ten it begins with a misunderstanding, an accident, an armed robbery . . . any other brief moment of local panic which can touch off the mass hysteria of a town or city.

More often than in any other way it is begun by a "goonda." Meet the goondas—the thugs, the highwaymen, the throat-slitters, the professional looters of India.

Goondas' Harvest

These castless, creedless gangsters are often best organised elements of any communal incident. They will even organise trouble so that it looks like the perfect beginning of a natural religious vendetta, stabbing in a Hindu area, a swift follow-up with a fire in a Muslim area, and then back to the Hindu area with a bomb.

Soon enough the thread of real tension is taken up. Then the goondas collect their profit, looting burning shops and stripping abandoned homes.

The goondas of Calcutta, the best organised in India have lately progressed as far as Western gangsterism, with blackmailing systems of "protection" against bombings and burnings for which both Hindus and Moslems must pay.

No letters or telegrams were delivered for three days. Stations ran

DPs WOULD ENRICH US

by Lieut-General Sir Frederick Morgan

Chief of Displaced Persons
Operations in Europe for
UNRRA until January this
year.

PARAGRAPH 125 of the

Government's Economic

White Paper is a beacon signal

of hope to that army of the

hopeless, the Displaced Persons

of Europe.

For Paragraph 125 announces

the Government's intention to

recruit the Displaced Persons of

Europe in order to fill the gaps

in our industrial front line.

I believe the Government are

right in making their decision.

I believe that it is in the interests of

Britain that we should bring in these

foreigners.

Ostensibly, the immediate difficulties in putting our announced policy into practice are connected with transportation, with housing, with feeding and possibly with what is known as controlling the foreign workers whom we are to import.

If we think for a moment of the vast armies that we have of late been moving from place to place around the globe, it becomes evident

that the short haul of a few hundred thousands of people within the limits of the Continent of Europe is a comparatively trifling matter.

As regards housing, again in

practice this difficulty is, I am

sure, more apparent than real.

I have seen a great deal of this

recently in Germany where the

accommodation problem is, of

course a thousand times worse than

anything that has ever existed in

Britain.

I have seen whole communities of

Displaced Persons settle down in a

matter of days into what was, ac-

cording to our standards, hardly fit

for the accommodation of our

animals.

In a matter of days I have seen

these people turn dilapidated huts

and blitzed barracks into neat

and clean dwellings with few re-

sources other than their own in-

genuity and industry.

FACK!

But no goondas could operate if there were not something else abroad to help them in the jittery cities of India. This is called "the communal spirit." It has been created by millions of Hindus and Moslems being told that they are two different nations and cannot live together.

Moslems are told that the pigtailed masters of the Hindu Congress want to oppress them that "the Moslems are a nation with a right to their own homelands."

The communal spirit has created fear and suspicion between neighbours where there was none before. It is the "hate-thy-neighbour" spirit, an instrument which the two great political powers in India, Congress and the Moslem League, now find conveniently to hand for the control of their followers.

It has created a state of permanent tension in every town, city and district of the mixed religious areas of North, North-West and North-East India.

Tension snaps

This is the tension which can be snapped into murderous hysteria by a runaway tonga-pony.

At the height of a communal riot fear produces unbelievable cruelty and stupidity. A crowd fighting a fire will turn and stone the police and firemen as they arrive. The police shoot. The fire is forgotten, the firemen retreat. A street burns and a full-scale riot is on. But no one there could tell you just how or why it happened.

In one town last month a Sikh houseowner, during a period of esacial tension, visited his Moslem tenant to promise him protection. The Sikh embraced the Moslem in the street outside the house. He was stabbed to death by a furious crowd in the belief that the Moslem was being attacked.

Then there was the Moslem helping his Hindu neighbour to put a fire out. A passing mob of Hindus decided he was throwing buckets of petrol on the fire. He was murdered and his family were burned to death in their home next door.

When Lady Mountbatten toured the riot area of the North-West Punjab she was presented by a Hindu with a ghastly photographic record of fear and panic. One caption said:

As regards feeding, we have fed them ever since their so-called liberation and, be it noted, good workmen such as these people will produce far more than they and their families can consume.

As regards control, I know from

experience that the salient characterisitic of these Displaced Persons in

that they are not so bad as we have

been led to believe.

Behold the hour of vengeance!

On man the injured.

His idols turn against him.

The gods he made rebel.

The conqueror of Nature.

Now plays his sorriest scene.

For all his coat is needed.

To feed a starved machine.

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NEWSREEL



That phrase, "communal riot," in India rarely means a politically conscious mob with any clear intention. It means mostly crowds of frightened people stabbing and burning, shooting wildly and showering bricks from their houses onto whoever may be in the streets below.

Anger? It's fear

At night, while they are bolted and barred in their curfewed homes, they will sit and shout and sing with a single voice from 10,000 throats. They sound terrifying and they stop only at dawn.

But one police officer explained to me, when I first heard this sinister tumult in a riot city: "They're not angry. They're frightened, and they're shouting to drown their fears."

That is the material for India's communal riots.

May the news that is shaping in London and New Delhi at this time bring peace to these frightened people.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

Watercress-maker bathes in glue

NUTRITION-INTAKE experts are attributing the appearance of more sausages certain localities to the recent announcement that no licences are now required for making umbrellas. A spokeless umbrella mixed with a salt-spoon full of dried egg and a crumb or two of oatmeal celery extract, makes as dainty a sausage as you can wish for "writes" Snackette."

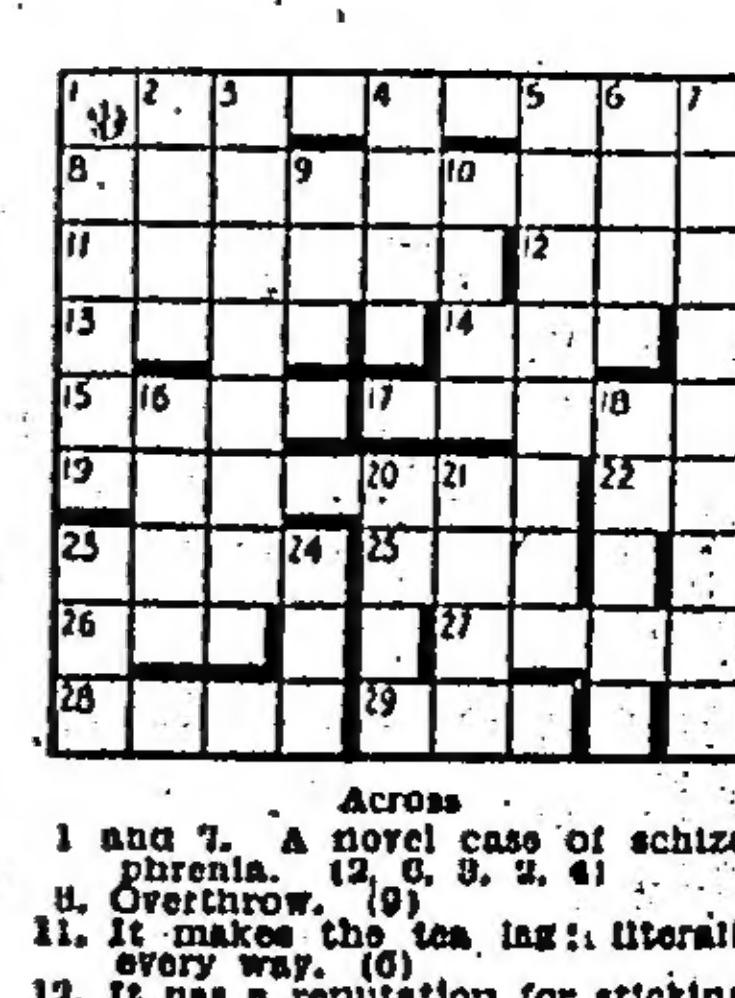
The new fashions

THE exuberant Rita Folderio reports that Maison Stenchi are showing the new knife-pleated jabots with enormous waterproof revers, so suitable for women with figures like clocks. Rita Folderio writes: Women will lap up the delicate jerkins of giraffe-breath grey, which taper off into string-bag hem with detachable girdles of carambar or marza. Suffocatingly beautiful, also, is the blanket-bag hood, which leaves the mouth free for eating. It is in pistache, monkey-brown and cabbage-green.

Thought in the night

IT is not generally known that the cannibals who ate the Italian violinist, Carpeggio, called the dish Maestrone.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- 1. Lauded. (9)
- 2. You must to an egg before consumption. (4)
- 3. This native gives you a choice.
- 4. The state to which a Buddhist aspires. (7)
- 5. Exclamation! (2)
- 6. Follow this with a broken road and it might stop a bull. (3)
- 7. Italian violinist. (9)
- 8. Grass country in South Africa. (4)
- 9. A split robe. (4)

Down

- 10. Young Donald in rap on the container. (10)
- 11. Governs. (4)
- 12. This did become an American brandshopper. (8)
- 13. Son of horse. (7)
- 14. See Across.
- 15. Small, round object. (4)
- 16. Mortified. (4)
- 17. A broken layer. (5)
- 18. It has a way. (5)
- 19. It has a reputation for sticking. (5)
- 20. A Scot it's a hoax. (4)
- 21. Vanish entirely. (4)
- 22. His patience is historical. (4)
- 23. Type of ext. (3)

By Ernie Bushmiller



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Women
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—B.L.

I like stark white on a deep blonde, no jewellery and only Gardening for your flowers.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My pores are quite coarse. Is there a remedy?"

—M.L.

Watch your diet. Avoid overly-hot foods and rich gravies and sauces. Deep cleansing, plus padding with an astringent, will stimulate circulation, thus refining the skin because the pores act normally.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have dark blonde hair, fair skin and blue eyes. I intend to have my hair bleached. Would this require new makeup? I wear it to match my skin."

—LILY.

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



FUTURE AIR STRATEGY

Revolutionary effects of the atomic bomb and jet engine on air warfare, as well as the general technical advance made by air weapons since the end of the war has been so rapid, that much of the planning usually done by the Chiefs of Staffs of Britain's fighting services has had to be left in a state of flux until conditions become more stable.

Now Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff, is to hold on August 11 and 12 a conference, followed by an exercise to be called "Thunderbolt," at which such matters will be considered by senior officer of all the Services.

Exercise "Thunderbolt" will have its object the incorporation into future strategy of the lessons learned from the Anglo-American bomber offensive of the last war, and a consideration of the effect of the latest weapons and probable weapons of the future upon this strategy.

On the results of this conference will be based Britain's aid strategy of the future.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm starting a new hobby, Mom—a museum of all kinds of funny stuff! After you're through wearing that hat will you say it for me?"

Ban On British Films & Papers In Rumania

Rumanian Government censorship and suppression of British publications and films reached a degree of severity bordering on the ludicrous during recent weeks.

FIJI SENDS FOOD GIFTS TO BRITAIN

Mrs Cornelius, mother of 10 children, was recently presented by the Mayor of St. Pancras, London, with a gift of food from the Colony of Fiji. Gifts are being made from this allocation to 400 other families in the borough, as well as to institutions like Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the London Hospital.

Patients in one of the surgical wards of the London Hospital have now breakfasted off Fijian bacon and eaten Fijian fruit for several days. People in Coventry, England, too, are receiving a share of this consignment. The gifts include bacon, soap, and pineapples, peaches, and apricots.

Fiji, a beautiful island in the South Seas with only 250,000 inhabitants, has subscribed more than £10,000 to its Fund to Britain Fund opened in June last year. The same warm-hearted generosity inspired the assistance she gave to Britain through gifts during the war—ranging from the purchase of 12 war planes to a contribution of £8,000 in 1945 for the relief of flying-bomb victims.

Other lovely island colonies in the Pacific are making contributions too. During the war, demonstrations of fellow-feeling ranged from that of little Pitcairn, with 190 inhabitants, who offered refuge for 33 children from bombed cities in Britain, to not-very-much-larger Ocean Island, whose population of 750 insisted on presenting £12,500 to the war funds of the British Government "under whose protection" they said, "they had lived since 1901," despite the counter-suggestion of Sir Harry Luke, High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, that £2,000 would be a more than generous gift.

"Dear Lois Leeds—How often should I use a mask? My skin is rather 'loose' and flabby. I am 41 years old." —MRS. K. L.

You should "tense" your skin by patting with an astringent and use the mask three times a week. After you remove the mask use a cold compress on the skin.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is yellow smut for accessories with a navy blue suit?" —MISS T.

Yellow is always a good accessory colour and very good in a fashion sense this season. But be sure that Yellow is becoming to you.

"Dear Lois Leeds—How long should my hair be to take a good permanent?" —S. S.

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DE GAULLE WARNS OF RUSSIAN HEGEMONY

Speaking at Lille today, General de Gaulle warned France of the "perilous hegemony" which he said Soviet Russia was forming over Europe. "I do not affirm that it is the determination of the present masters of this colossal agglomeration to proceed in the near future to violent conquest of the world," he said. "But we see being formed in Europe the latest elements of a hegemony which could become as perilous as any that has arisen since the dawn of history."

STRIKE THREAT IN URUGUAY

Montevideo, June 29. Uruguayan police were taking precautionary measures tonight in preparation for a 24-hour general strike called throughout the country for tomorrow. "Only emergency services will run," a strikers' announcement said tonight. It was believed that the other trade unions would support the 53 unions which called the strike as a protest against a recent law forbidding strikes which affect public services.—Reuter.

DE GASPERI YOUTH RALLY BROKEN UP

Venice, June 29. Rioting Leftists shouted down a political speech by Premier Alcide de Gasperi in historic San Marco Square and attacked a youth rally of his Christian Democrats today.

The police finally dispersed rioters with tear gas. It was the first openly hostile attack on de Gasperi by Italian Leftists since he formed his non-Communist government at the end of last month.

His stormy reception in his northern city closely duplicated the reaction of Leftists in Messina in Sicily, where de Gasperi was prevented from making a political speech last April just before the island's regional elections. At that time, however, the Communists and pro-Communist Socialists were part of his previous coalition government. The premier arrived in this city, which is predominantly Leftist and has a Communist mayor, by plane from Rome this morning.

The police, expecting trouble, had cordoned the San Marco piazza with all available reserves but the Leftist groups broke through and started rioting with the Christian Democratic youth organisation as soon as it gathered in the square.

Shouted Down

When de Gasperi appeared in the window of the Napoleonic wing of the former Royal Palace overlooking the square, Leftists booted and shouted him down.

After several minutes of catcalls and fist fights between the Christian Democrats and Leftists, the premier seized a brief moment of relative quiet and said: "You are hooting down a man who has fought for liberty and democracy for 30 years. Above all, the government wants to defend the principles of liberty—that liberty which will be victorious over violence."—United Press.

GERMANS RETURN FROM RUSSIA

Berlin, June 29. Taegliche Rundschau, official Red Army newspaper, reported today that the repatriation of German prisoners of war from Russia has been intensified during past weeks.

The newspaper said 29,000 prisoners returned this month, constituting an all-time record. The last convoy of the month, totalling 3,600 prisoners, reached Frankfurt-on-Oder on June 27.

A total of 83,315 prisoners were discharged by the Soviets during the first six months of 1947, according to the paper which said that from now on convoys would be arriving at Frankfurt-on-Oder on a daily schedule.—United Press.

Derby Winner Defeated

Paris, June 29. Baron Georges de Waldner's three-year-old colt, Pearl Diver, running in his first race since winning the Epsom Derby, failed to finish in the first six in the £8,330 Grand Prix de Paris, the richest race in France this season, at Longchamp today.

The race was won by the outsider Avenger, owned by Prince Aly Khan and ridden by Charlie Smirke.

Avenger won by one and a half lengths from Teuton II, while Glafar was another half length away third.

"There were 10 runners in the race which was run over one mile seven furlongs.—Reuter.

Lille, June 29. General de Gaulle had intended to deal with French internal affairs today, but at the last moment he changed his mind, and, with an eye on the Big Three talks, declared: "Furthermore, there is the material ideology of general mechanisation and of crushing the individual, which, so far, has been the psychological spring, animating those who lead Russia, and whose protagonists claim that it must capture the universe."

Saying that France must take the initiative in helping, by all means in her power, the economic recovery of Europe, General de Gaulle added: "America is alarmed by Russian expansion. Rivalry between them risks, sooner or later, to lead to a gigantic conflict.

"For France, a capital centre of intellectual and moral influence, the future is filled with heavy anxieties," he said. "America, the other very big world power, naturally draws her conclusions from the situation in Europe.

"Inspired by an ardent ideal of freedom, overflowing with resources, America has discovered the foundations and advantages of military power. She is present over terrible instruments of destruction. She is alarmed by what she thinks to be the nature of Russian expansion."

France's Role

"France can and must play an important role in this formidable situation. She must do this, first of all, by affirming herself as a Western power. This implies that she must not allow herself to be dragged into a political system which would enslave her soul and sooner or later sink her identity in a regime foreign to her in all respects.

"We must help in the recovery of a Europe made up of free men, and of independent states, but organised in a whole capable of resisting any possible attempt at hegemony over her, and forming between the two rival masses of the East and the West that element of balance without which there can be no peace."

General de Gaulle then enumerated the reparations and guarantees that France must have: "Attacking of the Saar, international control of the Ruhr, monthly deliveries of at least 1,000,000 tons of coal from the Rhine basin, the end of the Reich, and French presence on the Rhine."

Of the French economic situation, General de Gaulle said there was a cruel difference between French production and French needs, between public expenditure and public income, between vital imports, and means of paying for them.

After stating that nearly the whole world today suffers from this state of affairs, he said: "We can have no solution without stable political conditions. We cannot find a way without measures which are painful for each of us, and which the present regime is incapable of imposing."

"Of course we must increase production, but that implies that, within the framework of the general plan, freedom and initiative must again be able to find an outlet elsewhere than in the black market."

France needs imports, notably from the United States, he said.

Labour Relations

Speaking of labour relations, General de Gaulle advocated what he called an "organic regime of association" between all those who work in the same group of undertakings.

"There can be no improvement in production without authority and initiative of the chiefs of enterprises, and without the productivity of workers," he continues.

"Conflicts inspired by class warfare in no way correspond to the realities of today and can only lead to ruin and slavery. Trade unions must be entirely freed from all politics and their representatives freely chosen by regular secret ballot."

"Thousands of people lined the streets of Lille as the General walked at the head of a procession to the War Memorial in Lille before making his speech. Some 4,000 people, including coal miners in pit clothes, marched 12 abreast in the procession with veterans of the two World Wars, carrying a forest of flags, including British and United States flags.

tonight at 8 p.m.

General Chiang hopes thereby to be able to tell overseas Chinese throughout the world—particularly the great Chinese communities of Southeast Asia, Australia and the United States—something of the sufferings undergone by the people of the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi during the recent disastrous floods.

General Chiang has been a close associate of the President for a period of many years and is one of China's best known military commanders.

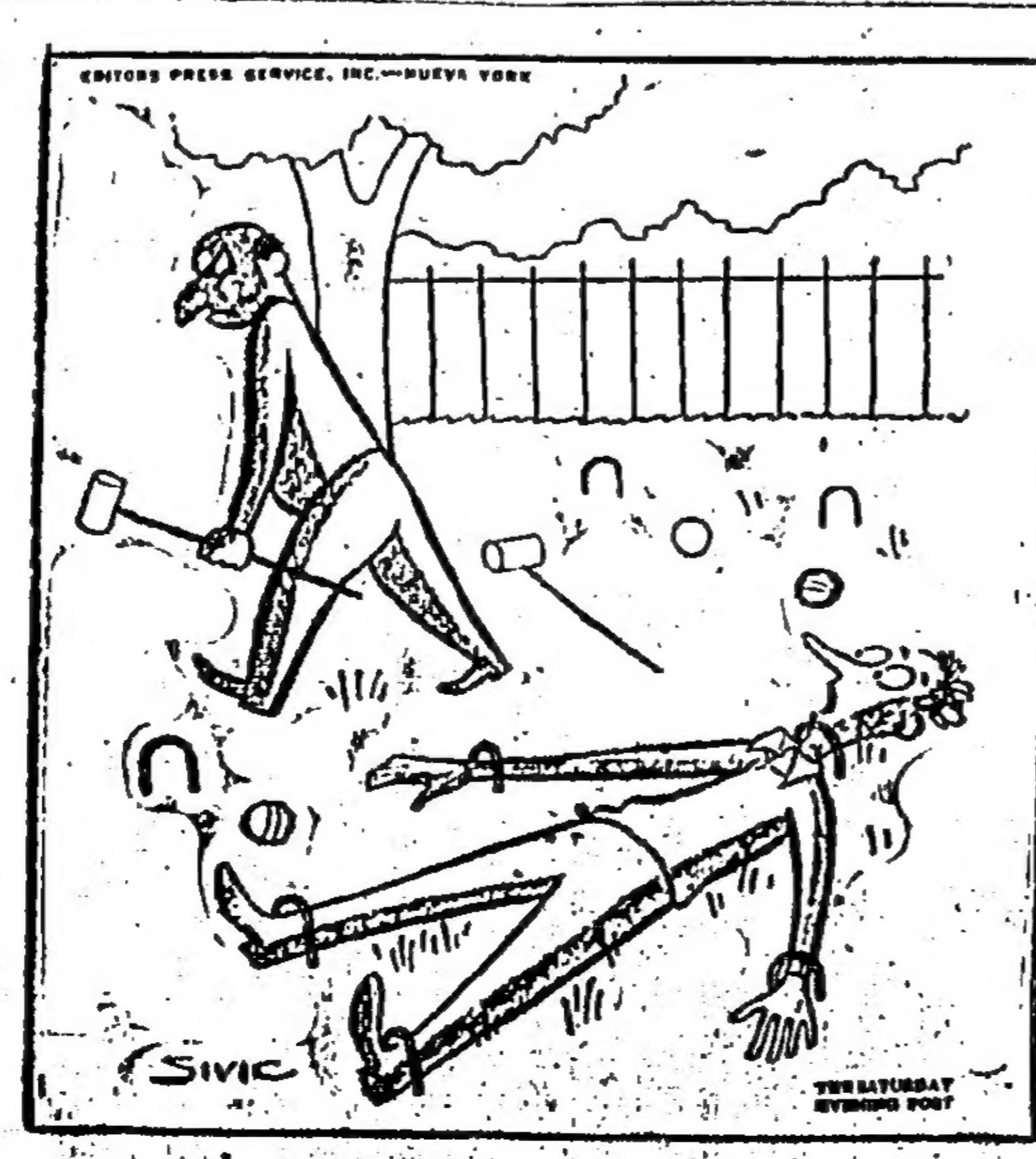
He fought the Japanese in the southeast corner of China throughout the war and was recently decorated by both the British and American governments for the services he rendered to the Allied cause.—Reuter.

India's Future Armed Forces

Jodhpur, via New Delhi, June 29. Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member of the Interim Government, told air cadets yesterday that the Indian armed forces would not be divided on a territorial basis when the British leave India.

He said each individual officer and enlisted man would be asked to choose whether to serve the Indian Union or the Dominion of Pakistan. Mr Baldev Singh said for future use was envisioned a scheme under which every young man in the country would receive military training in the Air Force, Navy or Army.

"We assume the entire responsibility for administration," he said. "I have heard it said that the morale and efficiency of the Indian armed forces would deteriorate after the British hand over power in August. It is up to us to show the world that we Indians can maintain our armed forces at the highest level of efficiency and morale."—United Press.



You certainly aren't taking defeat gracefully!

His Appeal To The Princess Succeeded

Johannesburg, June 29. Adrian Bernard de Kock, a 36-year-old European convicted of being an habitual criminal serving an indefinite sentence who last October caused a sensation by appealing to Princess Margaret Rose, has had his sentence reduced to six years. This means that he will be released early next year.

De Kock smuggled his petition to Princess Margaret Rose from Bloemfontein prison last October. Princess Margaret passed the letter to the King who, in turn, sent it on to the Governor-General of South Africa, Gideon van Zyl, asking for an investigation into the case.—Associated Press.

These Things Are News On A Summer's Day

BY ED CREACH

London, June 30. Maybe it was the return of Eros, the winged god, to Piccadilly Circus or maybe it was only the weather (warm), but these items intrigued British newspaper readers on Sunday.

EVA PERON WELCOMED TO MILAN

Milan, June 29. Senora Eva Peron, travelling in a de luxe special tri-motor Savoia Marchetti, arrived at Forlani airport in Milan today to begin her six-day tour of northern Italy.

The plane, carrying top flight Italian and Argentine officials as well as Senora Peron's husband, party, circled low over Milan while loud speakers hailed her arrival.

Just before the plane landed, Italian Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza, who went to Milan last night, sent a radio message to Senora Peron welcoming her to Milan.

Senora Peron, looking fresh and rested, stepped from the plane in a bright red summer frock splashed with gray flowers. She was accompanied by Argentine Ambassador Rafael Ocampo Gimelto.

Other officials on the plane included Italian Under-Secretary for Aviation Giuseppe Brusasca, and Foreign Office Chief of Protocol Francesco Taglioni.

The welcoming party included Count Sforza, the Socialist mayor of Milan, Antonio Greppi, Milan Prefect Angelo Troilo, Argentine Consul Jose Mariano Vasquez and the head of the Argentine colony in Milan, Godofredo Graziosi.

Some 200 of the 1,000 members of the Argentine colony also greeted the Peron and raised a cheer as Senora Peron appeared.—United Press.

MONTY LEAVES FOR DARWIN

Singapore, June 29. Field Marshall Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, said in Singapore today that he would visit General MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, following his forthcoming tour of Australia and New Zealand.

He expects to arrive in Tokyo on about August 4, travelling up from Australia via Singapore.

Lord Montgomery is leaving Singapore for Darwin, North Australia, by air at dawn tomorrow.

AIR PASSENGERS FOUND SAFE

Belfast, June 29. The two occupants of the crashed Aerovan cargo plane, missing since the wreckage was taken in tow by a tug yesterday, were tonight reported safely aboard a small steamer heading for Devon.

The plane was flying from Reading, Berkshire, to Newlyn, near Belfast, when it crashed into the sea.—Reuter.

Indonesian Crisis Continues

Jogjakarta, June 29. The Indonesian political crisis continued on Sunday with Dr Sultan Sjahrir standing firm in his refusal to retain the premiership until his demand for a guarantee of full powers is complied with.

Sjahrir told newsmen that Sajap

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Kiri, powerful federation of six Left-Wing political organisations, had now undertaken fully the proposals contained in President Soekarno's letter of June 27 to the Netherlands Government which were based upon his past policies. They had not, however, complied with his demand for a guarantee of full powers, he said.

Soekarno held conferences throughout the day with political leaders in an effort to win support for Sjahrir's demands. Dr A. K. Cnni, acting Minister of Economics, predicted that the crisis would be resolved before Monday.—Associated Press.

NEW FACTORIES FOR BRITAIN

London, June 29. Britain is to have new factories at an estimated cost of £123,000,000. Three hundred and sixty-five factories, capable at full production of employing at least 90,000 workers, are now in operation.

This is the latest "balance sheet" disclosed by the Board of Trade in a review issued today of the progress achieved, and contemplated under the Distribution of Industry Act.

This Bill was primarily promoted to avert a recurrence of the prewar situation in which whole "distressed areas" suffered mass unemployment because of difficulties in one big industry.—Reuter.

FIVE CASTAWAYS RESCUED

San Francisco, June 29. Five castaways who had survived for six weeks on the desolate, waterless Clipper Island, 500 miles off the Pacific coast of Mexico, have been rescued by a fishing clipper.

The five men were reported to be in fair health when they were picked up.

They had been on the island since May 19, when their motorship Tidbit was wrecked on the Clipper reef.

The United States Navy has instructed the clipper to take the survivors to the Galapagos Islands, about 600 miles southeast of Panama, whence a United States vessel is being sent.—Reuter.

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PRISON BREAK: 5 RECAPTURED

London, June 29. The Sunday Pictorial's New York correspondent said today that British residents in Texas wonder why the British Government does not demand that the 118 Nazi "terror scientists" living near El Paso, Texas, be brought to justice.

They are guests of the U.S. Army, said the article. Most notorious of them is Prom Werner von Braun, principal inventor of the V-2 rocket which brought death to many British men, women and children.

"Although Nazis guilty of much milder crimes have been executed or imprisoned, von Braun and his bride are being entertained and made a fuss of. An application by him to become an American citizen has not been challenged."

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